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It is to be regretted that council last night did not re-elect City Solicitor Torrey ability and he ended. Demonstrated ability, familiarity with the work of the office and with the general subject of municipal legislation, and also precedent were all in his favor.

The Local Industrial Problem. The report of the Manufacturers committee read last evening to the board of trade calls attention to a subject which is bound sooner or later to grow in importance. In saying this we do not wish to imply that it is not important already.

But where industries are diversified it is only on rare occasions that all are dull at the same time. It often happens—perhaps as often as nine times in ten—that the community enjoys numerous industries covering a wide range of activity is enabled to bridge over depression in one or two directions, while the community that has only a few strings to its bow is thrown by the snapping of those strings into a state of collapse.

As to Sunday Sports. The efforts of leading clergymen of this city to secure from the present legislature the enactment of a law prohibiting the playing of base ball or the exhibition of other amusements on Sunday rest upon the fundamental proposition that such occurrences are detrimental to the best interests of the community.

Do the political leaders of the Republican party in Pennsylvania feel that they can afford by their own acts to stamp the platform of their own party as a lie and a cheat? Have they forgotten the lessons of the past? Are they foolish enough to believe that such a thing as a day of reckoning is an impossibility?

Get After the Spitter. There is need of more determined effort than has yet been made to stamp out the spitting habit on our street cars. While the rules of the Traction company forbid the transformation of the floors of the cars into traveling cuspidors and the board of health has upon occasions condemned the public spitter in spirited resolutions, it remains unabated. It is an evil in every public place, but in street cars is especially obnoxious.

co-operation it is pledged to promote. The moral debt of its agreement with the people will be liquidated only after every becoming effort shall have been put forth by our government in vain. So long as there is a chance of involving international concert for bimetalism, the administration must improve it; when all chance shall have disappeared, it may await further instructions from the people.

War at Last. It is almost impossible, at this distance from the seat of war and in the face of so many conflicting reports, to write an intelligent comment on the Turco-Grecian hostilities, nor, in any event, is our expert opinion on such a subject of much consequence.

The Coal Fields of New Mexico. Special Correspondence of The Tribune. El Paso, N. M., April 14.—Mine men prominent in eastern business circles and some of them of country-wide fame, left New York on Saturday last, the 10th inst., to investigate the coal fields of Saluda, N. M., and the possibility of a railroad to take that coal to market.

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RECALLS A STORY. From the Pittston Gazette. There has been much talk of a settlement of differences between the Republican factions in Philadelphia, by which Senator Quay is to have the united support of the party leaders there, so far as state politics are concerned.

BUT OIL IS CHEAP. From the Boston Traveler. It is said that the combined fortunes of the two Rockefeller, who play so important a part in the control of the Standard Oil trust, is over \$100,000,000. Much of the fortune is derived from the profits made from a product that has come to be regarded as a popular necessity.

HE HAS SEVERAL. From the Wilkes-Barre Record. Congressman Connel recently remarked that he is "in the hands of his friends" so far as the gubernatorial nomination is concerned. Fortunately for Mr. Connel, he has lots of them among those who will have a voice in selecting the candidate.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Alcehus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrologer casts 1:16 a. m., for Tuesday, April 21, 1897. If a child born on this day had been born yesterday, he might have noticed dust on the whiskers of the street cleaning department.

With the cost of coal reduced \$1 a ton the Saluda enterprise promises to profitably compete with the coal of the lower rate would be maintained, a score of important enterprises would be undertaken at once hereabout. The monthly market for 40,000 tons of coal and 12,000 of coke would probably be increased by half within two years. The investigating party is more than delighted with the outlook. There is not a ghost of question

signs were posted in every street car informing the spitter that the moment he is caught in the act he will be seized by the ear and marched forthwith to the nearest alderman's office. It would be likely to have a good effect. If the threat shouldn't, the fulfillment of it certainly would.

The Dinghamton Chronicle, in celebrating its tenth birthday, assures the public that it is a success. We knew it was that, from an editorial standpoint, for it is one of the neatest and cleanest weekly publications in the country; and we are rejoiced to know also that it is receiving the financial reward of the fit.

An attempt is being made in New York and Illinois to legalize the department store. Of course it will fail. Statutes cannot turn back the dial hands of civilization. As well pass laws prohibiting steam engines and electricity.

According to ex-Governor Campbell, of Ohio, the Democratic party "is the only indestructible political entity in this country." Why? Because it hasn't sense enough to recognize that its usefulness has ceased.

We infer from the remarks of certain prominent Wilkes-Barreans that that city wants a different charter so that it can increase its municipal debt. Take advice in time, and keep the debt down.

The New York big dry goods firm of H. B. Claflin company threatens to move if the legislature at Albany doesn't go slow. That's right; come to Scranton.

The Coal Fields of New Mexico

El Paso, N. M., April 14.—Mine men prominent in eastern business circles and some of them of country-wide fame, left New York on Saturday last, the 10th inst., to investigate the coal fields of Saluda, N. M., and the possibility of a railroad to take that coal to market. It is doubtful if a party more thoroughly qualified from experience and equipment to judge of the material resources of a country, the possibilities of coal production and use and the inducements for railroad construction was ever organized. It consists of Clarence D. Simpson and Colonel H. J. Bates, of Scranton; W. A. Lathrop, of Wilkes-Barre, general superintendent Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company; J. W. Ogden, of New York, banker; Commodore G. W. Lewis, of New York, capitalist; George W. Dickerson, of New York, formerly general manager of the Northern Pacific Railroad company; Benjamin S. Harris, a prominent New York lawyer; Charles B. Eddy, who has been a leader in some of the greatest enterprises ever undertaken in the southwest; and M. M. Gillam, of New York. The investigations have been entered upon by these gentlemen with a view to demonstrating beyond question the promise and possibilities of the coal fields of New Mexico. Nothing is to be taken for granted. Nothing short of facts and provable figures will satisfy them. If they decide to go ahead with the enterprise, the money that will be largely at risk. They mean that there shall be no risk. And so it is that every step taken into this country has been with the greatest care and the most painstaking to know the worst and to take favorable statements with every possible advantage. Hereby evidence has been given no slight, that the coal of New Mexico who see great possibilities in the future have not been considered. The question is, "What is the state of things now; what is the best price that can be obtained for the coal that is being mined here, and at what cost could coal be marketed from the Saluda mines?"

It has been made very clear to every one in that party that El Paso is now the distributing center for more than 4,000 tons of coal and 12,000 tons of coke each month. At present the coal is consigned to El Paso for this supply—Taurier on the Texas Pacific railroad, 325 miles away, and with a haul over the Sierra Bienco mountains, 1,000 feet; Trinidad on the Santa Fe railroad, 325 miles away, and with grades even more adverse than those of the Texas Pacific; and the coal is consigned to the Santa Fe line after a haul over the Sierra Galletta mountains. None of these routes is exceptionally high grade judged on the eastern standard. The coal is all of one kind, which probably the best, makes a coke yielding about 18 per cent. of ash. The yielding coal can be coked, but the product is inferior to that of good coal. The old Cerrillos coal was of fairly good coking quality, but the vein is exhausted and the present output from this field is of poor grade. The coal of the "hot holes" from which small quantities of inferior coal are contributed, but they do not count in considering this problem.

The large quantity of coal in El Paso is \$4.90 to \$5.75 per ton, and of coke from \$6.50 to \$10.00, or even very much higher for the choicest grades. The rail price of coal \$1.20 a ton. No wonder the average citizen as well as the Greaser turns to mesquite roots for his fuel. Since irrigation is largely practiced here and the ditches must be always the general level the two facts led some wit to characterize the country as "a land where you dig for wood and climb for water." There is almost no water to be had for more than a hundred miles around El Paso, save such as the mesquite roots supply, and their yield is limited as well as bulky. A few miles of water pipe, or a few miles of canal would be a great advantage to all classes.

Just at present there are evidences of much activity in El Paso. It is the natural northern gateway to Mexico and the flood of materials and machinery now being attracted into the state is a very pleasant toll as it passes. It is probable that still greater activities will characterize the immediate future of Mexico. New territory in the northern part is being opened by new railways great mining operations are taking life all around and vast capital is being put into smelters and reducing plants. All of this makes a growing and invigorating market for coal and coke, yet six or seven hundred miles of hard hauling swells the price of every ton. In El Paso itself and in a dozen other centers of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, there is the same increasing demand and the same embargo is put on enterprise by the cost of fuel. "Ask any El Paso boy 10 years old what one thing is now needed for the greater prosperity of this part of the country and he'll tell you 'cheaper coal,'" remarked one of the foremost lawyers of the southwest to me today. The fuel question here is one of such great moment that all classes and almost all ages fully comprehend it.

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as to the greatness and growth possibilities of this market. If the Saluda coal field proves to be what its promoters assert and what all competent testimony so far unites in declaring it, it will be opened at once.

This field is located 100 miles from El Paso and to market its product a railroad of that length must be built. All the evidence agrees that the road is the simplest railroad proposition possible. There are no streams to cross, no trestling of any moment, almost no rockwork and for nearly its entire length the road would run over a mesa as smooth as an ideal western prairie. Near its northern terminus the road would tap the famous Capitan region, the best timbered, the best watered-off any section in all the southwest and already supporting a lumbering and agricultural population of upward of 12,000 people. The rich deposits of iron and the precious metals which would by this road be brought to an immediate market.

In the matter of lumber it should be born in mind the rough timber of the grade of the country is now bringing \$20 per thousand in El Paso, while flooring is quoted at \$25. A conservative estimate of the distribution of railroad ties to the six railroads centering at El Paso is \$60,000 or 10 or 15 million feet of ties would practically control the market. From all appearances there is no timber region that could compete with the Capitan in this respect, once it is reached by a railroad.

At this writing the summing up of the whole matter appears to be, if the Saluda coal field and the Capitan timber section are reached by a railroad those who control the output and the traffic can dictate prices or practically monopolize the coal, coke and lumber trade of a district extending for fully 300 miles in every direction from El Paso. M. M. Gillam.

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Montrose Republican: "Our valued Scranton contemporary, 'The Tribune,' having again outgrown its press facilities, has just put in one of its Hoe & Co.'s latest and most improved machines, and which the paper will hereafter be printed. The new press is an 'observer,' and prints and folds an eight-page paper at the rate of upward of 20,000 per hour or a sixteen-page paper at the rate of 12,000 per hour. This addition to the mechanical department of the Tribune makes its equipment as complete as that of any newspaper plant in the state, aside from the large city dailies, and we note with pleasure this evidence of the continued prosperity of our contemporary, which it has earned by its unquestioned merit and worth."

Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer: "The Scranton Tribune is now equipped with one of Hoe's modern presses. It is capable of printing 8, 10, 12 or 16 pages. Our contemporary appears daily now in a new form. The improvement is a marked one, but only in keeping with the progress that has always characterized the management of the paper."

Scranton World: "One of the latest moves by the Tribune is the putting in place of a new Hoe & Co. press, a decidedly commendable step, and places the Tribune much in advance of other papers here from a mechanical point of view. It affords the privilege of turning out any size paper desired. The Tribune is rapidly moving to the head of the column, and Manager Davis is to be congratulated on the securing of the new press, as it was mainly through his efforts the elegant machine was put in place."

There has been much talk of a settlement of differences between the Republican factions in Philadelphia, by which Senator Quay is to have the united support of the party leaders there, so far as state politics are concerned. The report that David Martin has finally consented to such an arrangement, after long and persistently refusing to be a party to any arrangement that would detract from the green Irish cavalryman who, in learning to ride, was thrown over his horse's head. The sergeant superintending the drilling and drilling the custom called out: "Pat Murphy, did you receive orders to dismount?" "I did, sir," said Pat. "Where from?" bawled the sergeant. "From him quarters," was Pat's ready reply. Dave Martin has evidently heard from "him quarters."

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Many a business man, of exalted self-conceit, has lost money by recognizing too late the squawk of the dying goose of golden egg achievements.

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